

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City*  
*Through Jesus Christ*  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2014**  
**11:00AM**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**Praise To The Lord The Almighty**

1 Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear  
Now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

2 Praise to the Lord  
Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings  
Yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast Thou not seen  
How all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

3 Praise to the Lord  
Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

4 Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

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## Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

1 Praise is rising  
Eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You  
'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away  
Washed away

*Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

*At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service and that caters to younger children and prepares them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.*

## **Enter, O My Light**—Saint Dimitri of Rostov (1651-1709)

*Open, O doors and bolts of my heart, that Christ the King of Glory may enter!*

**Enter, O my Light, and enlighten my darkness;**

*Enter, O my Life, and resurrect my deadness;*

**Enter, O my Physician, and heal my wounds;**

*Enter, O Divine Fire, and burn up the thorns of my sins;*

**Ignite my inward parts and my heart with the flame of Thy love;**

*Enter, O my King, and destroy in me the kingdom of sin;*

**Sit on the throne of my heart and reign in me alone, O Thou, my King and Lord.**

## **Spirit Of The Living God**

Spirit of the Living God  
Fall afresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall afresh on me

*Break me, melt me  
Mold me, fill me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall afresh on me*

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### First Reading

Ruth 4:1-12 (p. 189-190)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

*Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

John 14:1-7 (p. 763)

*Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## MESSAGE

### Sermon Series:

### The Gospel According to Ruth

*"The Heart of the Matter"*

The Rev. Patrick Dominguez

(There is a space for sermon notes on page 9.)

*For your convenience, there are sound speakers available in the Lobby and in the BabyBeams nursery cry room that allow you to hear the service if you have a child who is crying or needs to be fed.*

### Sermon Notes

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**THE APOSTLES CREED** (said together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church\*, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*The phrase "holy catholic Church" in the Creed means the Church worldwide.*

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church\*;*

**People: That we all may be one.**

*Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;*

**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader: Lord, we pray for our mission partner North Raleigh Ministries, that you would provide people and resources to help them assist those who are in need.*

**People: Show your abundant faithfulness, mercy and love to all who come seeking assistance.**

*Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;*

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;*

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;*

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;*

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;*

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

*\*The phrase "holy catholic Church" means the Church worldwide.*

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## CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

*Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.*

*Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

## WELCOME and OFFERING

### His Rest Is Forever (Ode 25)

1 I fled unto You O my God  
I was rescued from my chains  
Because You are the right hand of salvation  
And You saved me by Your grace

2 Those who rise up against me  
No more were they seen  
I was despised and rejected in their eyes  
But Your face was with me

*His rest is forever and ever  
For ever hallelujah  
Hallelujah*

3 I became mighty in Your truth  
And holy in Your righteousness  
I became Yours by the name of the Lord  
And by Your kindness justified

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## HOLY COMMUNION

*(All baptized and believing followers of our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to partake in Holy Communion regardless of denomination. It is our custom to use wine during communion. **If you prefer, you may receive grape juice** from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines. If it would not be authentic for you to receive Communion, you may remain in your seat and contemplate the prayers on the following page.)*

*Leader: Is the Father with us?*

**People: He is.**

*Leader: Is Christ among us?*

**People: He is.**

*Leader: Is the Spirit here?*

**People: He is.**

*Leader: This is our God.*

**People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Leader: We are His people.*

**People: We are redeemed.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and  
praise.**

Leader continues in Eucharistic Prayer...

*Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (said together)

**Our Father who art in Heaven**

**Hallowed be Thy name**

**Thy kingdom come**

**Thy will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**And forgive us our trespasses**

**As we forgive those**

**Who trespass against us**

**And lead us not into temptation**

**But deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the Kingdom**

**And the power and the glory**

**Forever and ever Amen**

*Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.*

*Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING HOLY COMMUNION

*The Church of The Apostles welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, to receive Holy Communion with us by coming forward to one of the communion stations at the front. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.**

*Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Thank you.*

### **Prayer of Belief.**

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Please come into my life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you.*

## COMMUNION SONGS (Please join in singing during communion.)

*A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the worship area.*

### **A Cloud of Peace (Ode 35)**

*A cloud of peace has risen  
Over my head*

**A cloud of peace has risen  
Over my head**

*My salvation, my salvation*

**My salvation, my salvation**

John Andrew Schreiner

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### **Jesus Lover of My Soul**

1 Jesus, Lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high!  
Hide me O my Savior hide,  
Till the storm of life is past.  
Safe into the haven guide.  
Oh, receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;  
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee.  
Leave, ah, leave me not alone;  
Still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed;  
All my help from Thee I bring.  
Cover my defenseless head,  
With the shadow of Thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
More than all in Thee I find.  
Raise the fallen cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name;  
I am all unrighteousness.  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin.  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the Fountain art,  
Freely let me take of Thee.  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
Rise to all eternity.

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## Nothing But The Blood

1 What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

2 For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

3 This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

4 Glory, glory, this I sing  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
All my praise for this I bring  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

**Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

*The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

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## My Beloved

1 My Beloved, bring me awake  
Take me up to Your resurrection place  
My Beloved, bring me awake  
'Cause I want to feel Your light on my face  
There's a sun comin' up in my soul, Lord, in my soul  
There's a sun comin' up in my soul, Lord, in my soul

*I see the light, I see the light  
I see the light, I see the light  
Oh thank you God, I see the light*

2 My Beloved, bring me away  
Over Jordan and out of this place  
My Beloved, for you I wait  
With You here 'til forever face to face  
There's a sun comin' up in my soul, Lord, in my soul  
There's a sun comin' up in my soul, Lord, in my soul

## DISMISSAL

*Leader: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.*  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

No more sorrow, no more pain  
No more darkness weighing down on me  
No longer blind, now I can see  
Forever light, forever free

Forever light, forever light  
Forever light, forever light  
*I see the light, I see the light  
I see the light, I see the light  
Oh thank you God, I see the light*

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## Sermon Notes

# Welcome Visitors and Newcomers...

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Below are a few ways that you can become more involved at Apostles. If you have questions this morning, you can fill out the yellow card under the chair in front of you .

**Discovering Apostles Membership Class**—This class includes teaching about Church of the Apostles and information about becoming a member of this church. Our next class will be held on Saturday, March 8 from 9am-12noon. *If you have any questions, please contact Marsha at 782-0550 x29 or marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.*

**Join A Community Group**—Are you interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Do you desire to have relationships in the church that go deeper than surface level conversations? Join a Community Group! *Please contact Ford Jordan if you have any questions (ford@apostles-raleigh.org).*

**The Pulse Email Newsletter**—If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter with updates and announcements about what is going on at Apostles, simply fill out the yellow card under the seat in front of you with your email and drop it in the offering basket.

**PEARUSA eNewsletter** You can sign up for email updates about PEARUSA, the church movement of which Apostles is a vital part. Simply go to [www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up](http://www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up) and enter your email address.

**ApostlesLink.org**—Are you a member or involved in the life of Apostles? Join our new online communication tool: Apostles Link. *To get a login, email Julie at julie@apostles-raleigh.org.*

**The Ebenezer: Apostles' Blog**—Would you like to hear stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Apostles? Check out our blog! [www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/](http://www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/)

## This Week @ Apostles

*The following are some events taking place at Apostles. If you would like more info, please visit our website.*

### Sunday, February 23

Worship Services—8:30am & 11am  
Sunday School—10-10:50am

### Monday, February 24

Women in the Word—7-9pm: Rooms 202-205  
Muffins & More—10-11:30am: Room 208

### Tuesday, February 25

Women's Bible Study—12:30-2:00: Room 201  
Prayer—2-4pm: Sanctuary

### Wednesday, February 26

Sleepyheads Bible Study—7:15-8:15am: Rm 208  
GiG Bible Study—9:30-11:30am

### Thursday, February 27

Men's Fraternity—6:45-8:00am

## Adult Sunday School

Please come and join any of our Adult Sunday School classes!

### How then shall we live?

Led by Brent Burgess, Alpesh Patel & Curt Blazier  
Room 201

### That The World May Know

Led by John Farwell  
Room 204

### Jesus and Money

Led by Sam Bass & Taylor Waren  
Room 203

### Sermon on the Mount

Led by Eric Bolash & Owen Kelly  
Room 205

## Lent Beginning Soon

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on March 5, from 6:30-7:15pm.

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, the Service of Ashes gives us an opportunity to engage in a period of self-examination, spiritual discipline and repentance. The imposition of ashes on the foreheads of believers is an age-old tradition that is meant to remind us of a Biblical truth from Genesis 3:19 "You are dust and to dust you shall return."

## Apostles Children's Ministry

**Vacation Bible School** is June 23-27! Sign-Up today! <http://apostles-raleigh.org/vacation-bible-school/>

**Intro to Communion Class** is today, February 23 at 3:30pm! Come with your elementary-age child to learn about communion- what it is, why we take it, and who participates. *RSVP to robin@apostles-raleigh.org.*

**Children's Ministry Newsletter**—Don't receive the newsletter? *Email robin@apostles-raleigh.org to be added to the list.*

**Nursery**—The nursery lesson for this week is from The Poor Woman's Gift: Mark 12:41-44. The memory verse for February is "O God you are my God, I will earnestly seek you." Psalm 63:1.

**February Mission Focus**—Last day to bring donations for Backpack Buddies with North Raleigh Ministries is This Sunday! Drop off individually wrapped healthy snacks, breakfast bars, 100% juice boxes, and packaged dinners for children in north Raleigh. Donations are being collected in the Kids Time Room.

**Kids Time**—The lesson this week is "Jesus feeds 5000", Luke 9:12-20. The February memory verse is Matthew 6:31-34.

**Sunday School**—PreK-3rd grade Sunday School is studying the Parable of the Lost Sheep from Matthew 18:10-14. God wants us to do our best with the talents he gives us. Fourth and fifth grade continues to study the book of Philippians with Inductive Bible Study Methods.

**Big Time**—We have Big Time on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of each month at both services. Our memory verse for February is Matthew 6:31-34.

## Getting Involved at Apostles

**Children's Sunday School**—Sundays at 10am—For ages birth through 5th grade

**Adult Sunday School**—Sundays at 10am

**Student Ministry Small Groups**—Sundays at 6pm—Church of the Apostles—Contact [curt@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:curt@apostles-raleigh.org) or [kara@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:kara@apostles-raleigh.org)

**The Vine—20s/30s Community**—Contact [ford@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:ford@apostles-raleigh.org)

**Want to join a Community Group?**—Contact [ford@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:ford@apostles-raleigh.org)

### Women's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

#### **GIG (Growing in Grace) Bible Study**—

Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:30am

Study of the books of 1 John, & Esther

Cost of \$10 for the notebook and study material.

If you would like to register, visit our website.

Contact Susan Blazier at [susanblazier@yahoo.com](mailto:susanblazier@yahoo.com)

or 919-280-6302.

\*childcare is full for this semester, but we will start registration for fall 2014 in late May.

#### **Muffins & More**—2nd & 4th Mondays | 10am-

11:30am | Begins again January 13

Contact: Sue Barclay ([suebarclay@juno.com](mailto:suebarclay@juno.com),

783-5043) or Cheryl Andrassy ([candrassy@nc.rr.com](mailto:candrassy@nc.rr.com),

781-4370). No childcare is provided.

#### **Women in the Word**—Mondays | 7pm-9pm |

Begins again January 13

Contact Prissy Stufflebeam ([prissy@nc.rr.com](mailto:prissy@nc.rr.com),

876-0429) or Elizabeth Nichols

([enicholssl@gmail.com](mailto:enicholssl@gmail.com) or 266-1930)

#### **"Breaking Free" by Beth Moore**—Tuesdays |

12:30-2:00 PM | Study of "Breaking Free" by

Beth Moore (\*updated version) | Begins Jan 14

Contact Liz Rickner | [eb2926@nc.rr.com](mailto:eb2926@nc.rr.com) | 919-

301-8569

### Men's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>

#### **Blackwater Group**—Thursdays | 7am-8am

Location: Ragsdale-Liggett Conference Room:

2840 Plaza Place, Suite 401, Raleigh 27612

Contact Eric Bolash | 919-368-

5234 | [eric@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:eric@apostles-raleigh.org)

#### **Sleepy Heads**—Wednesdays | 7:15am-8:15am

Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 201

Contact Ed Bailey | 919-832-7305

| [bailey@redeagle-co.com](mailto:bailey@redeagle-co.com)

#### **Men's Fraternity**—Thursdays | 6:45am-8:00am

Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 204

Contact Barney Ford (608-239-8182

| [cbf1945@gmail.com](mailto:cbf1945@gmail.com)) & Bruce Berger (919-783-

5900 | [bruceberger@mac.com](mailto:bruceberger@mac.com))

#### **Band of Brothers Group**—Wednesdays | 7am

Location: Panera Bread at Crabtree Mall

Contact Curt Blazier | [curtblazier@gmail.com](mailto:curtblazier@gmail.com)

#### **Branch & Vine Relationship**—Tuesdays | 7pm

Contact Frank Andrassy | 919-649-5480

### The Ebenezer Blog

Have you checked out "The Ebenezer" lately?

"The Ebenezer" is the blog for Church of the Apostles where we highlight and share stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Church of the Apostles.

#### **Here are a few helpful hints for the blog:**

1. You can view the blog through our website

here: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/blog/>

2. "Like" our [Church of the Apostles Facebook](#)

[page](#) and the updates will show up in your

Facebook news feed.

3. You can also type your email address into the field "Follow By Email" on the right side of the blog. Click on "Submit" next to it and you will receive email updates when we update the blog.

4. You can "bookmark" the page and visit it easily whenever you like.

5. Finally, as you hear accounts of how God is working in and through the lives of people and ministries at Apostles, let us know! We would love to share it with everyone. *Simply email [blog@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:blog@apostles-raleigh.org) with the information.*

## Apostles Student Ministry

### **February 23**

Donut Hour 10-11am

NO DEAL at 11am

Small Groups: Check with your leader

Confirmation 6-7pm

### **"The Deal" Student Worship in Youth Room**

At 11:00am the first three Sundays of the month The Deal worship kicks off. This is a full-blown worship experience designed to engage the mind and heart of junior and senior high students. This service not only employs technology, drama, and creativity, but is also designed and led by students.

## ***Welcome to Church of the Apostles***

We pray that you know God's presence as you worship with us today. The words to the songs and the order of service are printed in this bulletin.

*Holy Communion* is open to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent's discretion. It is our custom to use wine during communion. If you choose not to partake of the wine, you can receive grape juice from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines.

Please fill out a yellow Connection Card found under the seat in front of you. Then either place it in the offering basket, or, after the service, take it to the Connections Table for a complimentary gift bag. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church or the Apostles.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. While our members and regular attendees will be participating, we do not want you to feel that it is required of you. Thank you for joining us today.

### **Apostles Church Staff**

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Senior Pastor

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